

City of Troy
Ethics Commission

Quarterly Meeting, October 24, 2019

Minutes

Attendance:

Ryan Manley (Chair), Peter Kehoe, Steve Muller, Karen Pelland.

Call to Order: Chairman Manley determined that there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Public Comments: None.

Minutes: Minutes for August 8, 2019, meeting, as amended by Manley, were approved.

Old Business: Manley said he had drafted and circulated an advisory opinion responding to the issue of City employment of political officers raised at the August 8 meeting. After approval by Ethics Commission members, the opinion was sent to the complainant.

Manley said based on discussion at the August 8 meeting he had drafted a specific advisory opinion regarding one issue brought to the Commission by the City regarding the Homebuyers Incentive Program. He said he would follow up with Ethics Commission member Tiffany Morgan, who had agreed to draft guidelines for the HIP administrators to use to determine which HIP transactions might give rise to concerns under the City's Code of Ethics.

Manley said he would consult with the City Clerk to review Commission vacancies and then contact the relevant appointment authorities to urge them to fill the vacancies. Pelland and Kehoe both noted that their appointments expire December 31, 2019.

New Business: Manley reviewed the complaint filed by Andrew Donovan against Vittorio "Carlo" Sorriento, employed by the City of Troy Bureau of Code Enforcement. Manley pointed out that the complaint asked the Commission to conduct an inquiry under Code of Ethics Section 43-22A, but the complaint did not identify any specific violation(s) of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. Manley moved that the Commission not take any action on the complaint. The motion passed unanimously. Manley said he would draft an advisory opinion and circulate it for clearance prior to sending it to Donovan.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2019.

Submitted by:

Stephen H. Muller
Secretary ad hoc